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Introductory Comments:

Applicants kindly thank Examiner Spivak for the telephonic interview of January 13, 2005. This amendment is submitted in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on October 20, 2004. A declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Inventor Dennis Mangano is filed herewith. Reconsideration of the above-reference application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.